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TAGS: CPRS (SAWYER AVIATION)

SUBJECT: PROPERTY: SAWYER AVIATION CESSNA 310Q, SERIAL NO. N-1260G

REF: STATE 240916

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO SENT LETTER TO HACIENDA (TREASURY) REQUESTING THAT PLANE BE PUT AT DISPOSITION OF SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR RETURN TO EMBASSY. HACIENDA, SPECIFICALLY CUSTOMS, HAS INDICATED TO EMBASSY CONOFF THAT IT WISHES TO MAKE INVESTIGATION OF VALIDITY OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY SAWYER UNDER CONVENTION, INDEPENDENT OF THATA ALREADY MADE BY AG'S OFFICE. CUSTOMS HAS REQUESTED WE SUBMIT TO THEM SAME DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CONSIDERED BY AG. EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH TO SUBMIT ANOTHER SET OF DOCUMENTS DIRECTLY TO CUSTOMS, THEREBY SETTING PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE CASES. CONVENTION CALLS FOR SUBMISSION TO FOREIGN RELATIONS. CONSUL GENERAL HOPES DISCUSS MATTER WITH FIRST DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SOME TIME THIS WEEK.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO STATEMENT OF SECOND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT UNDER T/S DATED 9-18-75, GOM POSITION APPEARS TO BE THAT CONVENTION NO LONGER APPLIES IN CASES WHERE PLANE OR VEHICLE IS CONFISCATED AND BECOMES PROPERTY OF GOM AS RESULT OF FIRM JUDICIAL DECISION BY COURT OR FIRM ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION BY CUSTOMS, BUT THAT GOM WILL RETURN PLANES OR VEHICLES ANYWAY WHERE EQUITY DEMANDS IT. IN PRESENT CASE, PLANE ITSELF CONSIDERED TO BE CONTRABAND

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AND CONFISCATED BY CUSTOMS FOR NONPAYMENT OF IMPORT DUTIES.

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